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WHAT'S DOING IN ARCADIA THESE DAYS INTERESTING LOCAL AFFAIRS

Fish at Espenlaub's.
Kimball pianos and organs sold by T. W. Lawton.
Fresh fish every day at Espenlaub's City Meat Market.
G. W. Stephens, of Castalia, was in Arcadia this week.
Fancy lemons at the Bakery, 20c per doz. drink lemonade.
Go to Johnson & Plummer for your cool drinks in summer.
W. D. Bell, mayor of Ft. Myers, has been in Arcadia this week.
I sell the old stand by the Kimball pianos and organs. T. W. Lawton.
Get your fire and life insurance of Peoples and Waldron, DeSoto Block.
Kimball is superior to any piano. Kimball stands for quality. T. W. Lawton.
S. M. High, mayor of Zolfo, was in Arcadia Monday. Mrs. High accompanied him.
C. W. Forrester this week sold his lot beside the old site of the post office to J. H. Velvington.
Home talent will give a minstrel show at the opera house tonight for the benefit of the Arcadia band.
We have just opened a complete line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Oxford. Arcadia Mercantile Co.
For the last six days the average daily deposits at the Simmons, Langford Bank have been nearly \$12,000.
Several thousand old newspapers for sale at 20 cents a 100. Ask Bryan, the bicycle man or ring up 'phone 40.
Groceries, dry goods, hay and grain shoes and clothing for sale at the F. W. Hays & Co. store, south of the Robertson Hotel.

Johnson & Campbell this week sold the W. H. Whidden orange grove to George Brooker. Consideration \$4250.
Parties who are indebted to A. H. Strickland will confer a favor on us by settling up at once. Johnson & Plummer.
Try a pair of those Crossett shoes for Gentlemen. They make Life's Walk Easy. New spring line just opened at Arcadia Mercantile Co.
All kinds of fresh, salt water fish every day at Espenlaub's.
Go to Johnson & Plummer for your cool drinks in the summer.
People indebted to F. W. Hays & Co. are requested to call and settle up as they need the money and would appreciate it very much at this time.
Friederice, the jeweler, at new stand, is ready for business. Call and see his fine stock of jewelry etc., on the spot formerly occupied by M. L. Bryan.
F. W. Hays & Co. is now at home in the building south of the Robertson hotel prepared to serve their customers with a fine line of general merchandise.
Webb's bakery headquarters for fresh bread, cakes, pies and fancy crackers. Diamond X butter and Dr. Price's wheat flake celery. Food our hobby. Phone 99 ring.
Mr. Fippen Adams is coming soon, and orders left for piano and organ tuning left at this office or at the Arcadia Hotel, will receive prompt attention upon his arrival.
H. J. Spence, of Punta Gorda, S. T. Fletcher, of Tampa, J. L. Sauls, of Ona, W. D. Bell, of Ft. Myers, and C. C. Morgan, of Ft. Ogden, are all former Arcadia attorneys who are back here this week attending court.
The editor of THE CHAMPION is this week deeply indebted to C. S. Bushnell for a gift of seven splendid rose bushes. They shall have our best care but nobody need expect to have such brilliant success as Mr. Bushnell has with his roses.
There are two new cottages going up near the Orphanage.
Mrs. H. E. Carlton returned home last Friday from Ocala and other points.
H. E. Carlton made a trip to Tampa last week coming back with his wife from Lakeland.
Miss Edna Booth, one of the young ladies at the Orphanage, left this week for her home at Zolfo.
Jim Jones was in town on Friday of last week shaking hands with friends. He now lives out on his handsome grove west of the river.
H. C. Sparkman, of Zolfo, is circulating among the crowds at Arcadia this week. He is talked of as a possible candidate for representative.
E. W. Coate, of Tampa, lost on February 15, one white and black pointer bitch. A suitable reward will be paid for the return to F. C. Ralls, Arcadia.
T. J. Moody wife and family, who have been visiting relatives in Arcadia for several weeks, left Monday for their home in High Springs. Mrs. Moody is a daughter of R. W. Campbell.
The members of the Fortnightly Literary Club are asked to remember the regular meeting which will be held Friday night of this week with Mrs. Child. The subject for study is James Whitcomb Riley.
D. T. Morrison will have charge of the DeSoto Nursery this year. B. C. Gardner leaves this week for Plant City where he will look after his wife's cattle interests for the next three months. Mr. Gardner still holds his DeSoto county property and will be back here soon as he can satisfactorily arrange his business elsewhere.
Mrs. C. H. Smith's Millinery Opening of Ready to wear hats is now going on. We have inspected some of them and find many beautiful and varied styles, so that every woman ought to be able to suit both her taste and pocket-book. Call and see them.

"EVERGREENS"

I will receive about April first a lot of fine "Arborvitae." They will be in a perfectly dormant condition and should do well here. They cannot be shipped here earlier as the ground is frozen where they are grown.

I shall have about one thousand of these trees and will offer them at very low prices to those who engage them before April, 1st.

There is nothing that makes a more beautiful ornamental hedge or is more attractive as a single specimen on a lawn. They are particularly fine for cemetery decoration.

I shall have the following sorts:
Thuga Occidentalis (American Arborvitae) 2 to 3 feet high, 30c each
Thuga Occidentalis (American Arborvitae) 10 to 12 inches high, 15¢ each
Thuga Pyramidalis (Pyramidal Arborvitae) 12 to 18 inches high, 35¢ each
Thuga Siberica (Siberian Arborvitae) 10 to 12 inches high, 30¢ each
Thuga Orientalis (Chinese Arborvitae) 10 to 12 inches high, 15¢ each
Thuga Orientalis (Chinese Arborvitae) 4 to 6 inches high, 10¢ each
C. S. BUSHNELL,
Arcadia, Florida.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin, stated supply, Services the first and second Sundays in each month.

Mr. Keigwin had the pleasure during his recent two weeks of absence of mingling in several services at Center Hill and Crystal River, and seeing a goodly number of souls coming into the Savior's Kingdom.

The new books, "The Best Hymns" were greatly enjoyed by the Sunday School and these with the new Mason & Hamlin small organ, give promise of increased interest in the service of song in the school.

It is pleasant to see increasing prosperity in the Sunday School, the attendance last Sunday being the largest the school has ever had.

At the close of the month Mr. Keigwin will terminate his work as Synodical Missionary, in which for seventeen years he has been engaged. He has accepted the invitation from the Punta Gorda Presbyterian Church to supply their pulpit two Sundays each month and later on will devote his whole time to pastoral work in Arcadia and Punta Gorda.

The latter field has been supplied during the winter by Rev. Mr. Badger, of Waukesha, Wis., and his splendid service has given unusual satisfaction to the very large audiences who have been attracted by his excellent preaching.

One day of rain this week has had a magical effect in bringing out the young leaves and blossoms. The air is heavy with the perfume of the citrus trees.

Afraid of Strong Medicine.

Many people suffer for years from rheumatic pains, and prefer to do so rather than take the strong medicines usually given for rheumatism, not knowing that quick relief from pain may be had simply by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm and without taking any medicine internally. For sale by Ed Greene and all druggists.

Democratic Committee to Meet.

Arcadia, Fla., March 5, 1906.
To the Democratic Executive Committee and all others interested:

You are respectfully notified that there will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of DeSoto county, Florida, held at the Court House in Arcadia, Florida, at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, the 17th of March, 1906. I respectfully notify all committeemen to be present at this meeting as important matters will be transacted at this time.

Respectfully,

T. B. KING,
Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Registration Books Open April 2.

Registration books will open in all districts in the county Monday, April 2, 1906, and will be open two days in each week in all districts, days to be designated by the district supervisors, and at county seat three days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and will close in all districts Saturday, April 28, 1906 according to law.

H. A. ELLIS,
Supervisor Registration

C. P. BAIRD, M. D., D.
Arcadia, Florida.

The Dental Office and Laboratory of Dr. C. P. Baird can be found in the Cottage in the Mrs. Youmans. Having been one of the first to make a reduction on all Rubber Plate work, the amount of railroad fare both ways, a distance of 25 miles from Arcadia, and hand a large supply of the best material enabled to do work in the shortest possible time.

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Once again have those fellows

whose pleasure it is to drink

warm blood out of an empty skin

and wonder all the while at the

sheer devilishness, raised the

for gore. This time it is for the

blood of an ignorant countryman

named Cooper whom the Pardoning

Board has recently reprieved

from legal slaughter. It may be

wrong to pardon criminals, but

is an error that was constantly

made by the ONE PERFECT

MAN during his ministrations

on this earth. We would rather

take our chance with the Pardoning

Board than with the editor

who condemn it for giving a

chance to redeem his past

sense, even though he be guilty

which in this case, is doubtful

the absence of a motive for

crime.—Jacksonville Sun.

Lieutenant General Scofield, the

last of the Union generals in the

War of the Rebellion, died in

Augustine this week. His

remains were taken to Washington

to be buried at Arlington.